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SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG: NEXT DAYS CRITICAL ON IRAN STRATEGY

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¶1. (C) A/DCM delivered reftel points to Jean-Louis Thill, MFA officer in charge of Middle Eastern Affairs, on August 31. He welcomed our points, and plans to share them with FM Asselborn in advance of the Gymnich meeting. Thill stated that Luxembourg will support strategies that expedite a prompt solution and Iran's immediate suspension of enrichment activities, and expects to back any reasonable P5 1 decision on next steps.

¶2. (C) Thill noted that, while Luxembourg has not seen the Iranian response in its entirety, the portions the GOL has seen appear ambiguous, confusing, and unclear. He speculated that the next several days will be critical, with EU SecGen Solana's planned meetings with Iranian negotiator Larijani and discussions in the Security Council, to clarifying overall options and strategies. A/DCM reiterated that Iran has had every opportunity to comply with UNSCR 1696 and, if Iran does not comply by today, we hope the U.S. can count on Luxembourg's support of firm action in the Security Council. A non-committal Mr. Thill promised that the GOL would continue to follow the situation closely.

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